

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No.M:26/16/18

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic The Doy/Crockett House

other 110 North Street

2. Location

street and number 110 North Street _____ not for publication

city, town Rockville _____ vicinity

county	Montgomery
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3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Karin S. Meerbaum and Mukhtar A. Khan

street and number	110 North St	telephone
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city, town	Rockville	state	MD	zip code	20850
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Montgomery County Judicial Center	liber	8500	folio	511
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city, town	Rockville	tax map	GR23	tax parcel	tax ID #	00159002
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

<input type="checkbox"/>	Contributing Resource in National Register District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recorded by HABS/HAER
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: City of Rockville, Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource	Count
_____ district	_____ public	_____ agriculture	_____ landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> X </u> building(s)	<u> X </u> private	_____ commerce/trade	_____ recreation/culture	<u> 1 </u>	_____ buildings
_____ structure	_____ both	_____ defense	_____ religion	_____	_____ sites
_____ site		_____ domestic	_____ social	_____	_____ structures
_____ object		_____ education	_____ transportation	_____	_____ objects
		_____ funerary	_____ work in progress	_____	_____ Total
		_____ government	_____ unknown		
		_____ health care	<u> X </u> vacant/not in use		
		_____ industry	_____ other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
					<u> 1 </u>

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary

This 1931 bungalow is typical of the low-cost, easily constructed dwellings that became the vernacular houses of the 20th century. The exposed rafter ends, hipped roof, and central front three-window dormer suggest a pre-cut or mail-order house but the source has not been located. The house is altered only by the replacement of the porch decking with concrete, and aluminum siding, both of which are considered reversible and not permanent alterations.

Description

The subject house faces west on North Street on a 50 foot by 260 foot lot, one of a row of single-family detached houses with similar setbacks and spacing. Neighboring houses range from 2-1/2 story frame turn-of-the-century houses to one-story ramblers. A duplex development is across North Street on McLean Court.

The house has a large mature maple tree shading the front yard. A central concrete walkway leads down the slight grade from the street to the porch. A driveway from North Street and a parking area are west of the house.



This rectangular 1-1/2 story, 3-bay by 2-bay, pyramidal hipped-roof frame bungalow has a central dormer and a full-width front porch. The roof is covered with composition shingles and the exterior cladding is aluminum siding. The foundation is brick parged with concrete. There is one interior chimney on the west roof slope. Windows are 2/2 with plain surrounds that have been spaced out with molding strips to accommodate the increased depth of the added aluminum siding.

The three-bay north (front) has a central shed-roofed three-window dormer. One four-light

casement sash is extant; the other two have been replaced with a rectangular ventilator panel. There are pairs of 2/2 windows in the east and west bays and a central four-light wood panel exterior door. The shed-roofed porch is supported by four square wooden posts and has a concrete deck.

Both east and west facades have three evenly spaced 2/2 windows. There are two three-light basement windows in the foundation.

The two-bay south (rear) facade has a window in the east bay and a four-light wood exterior door in the west bay.

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North Façade of 110 North Street



North and West Facades



East Facade



Detail of roof and chimney on west roof

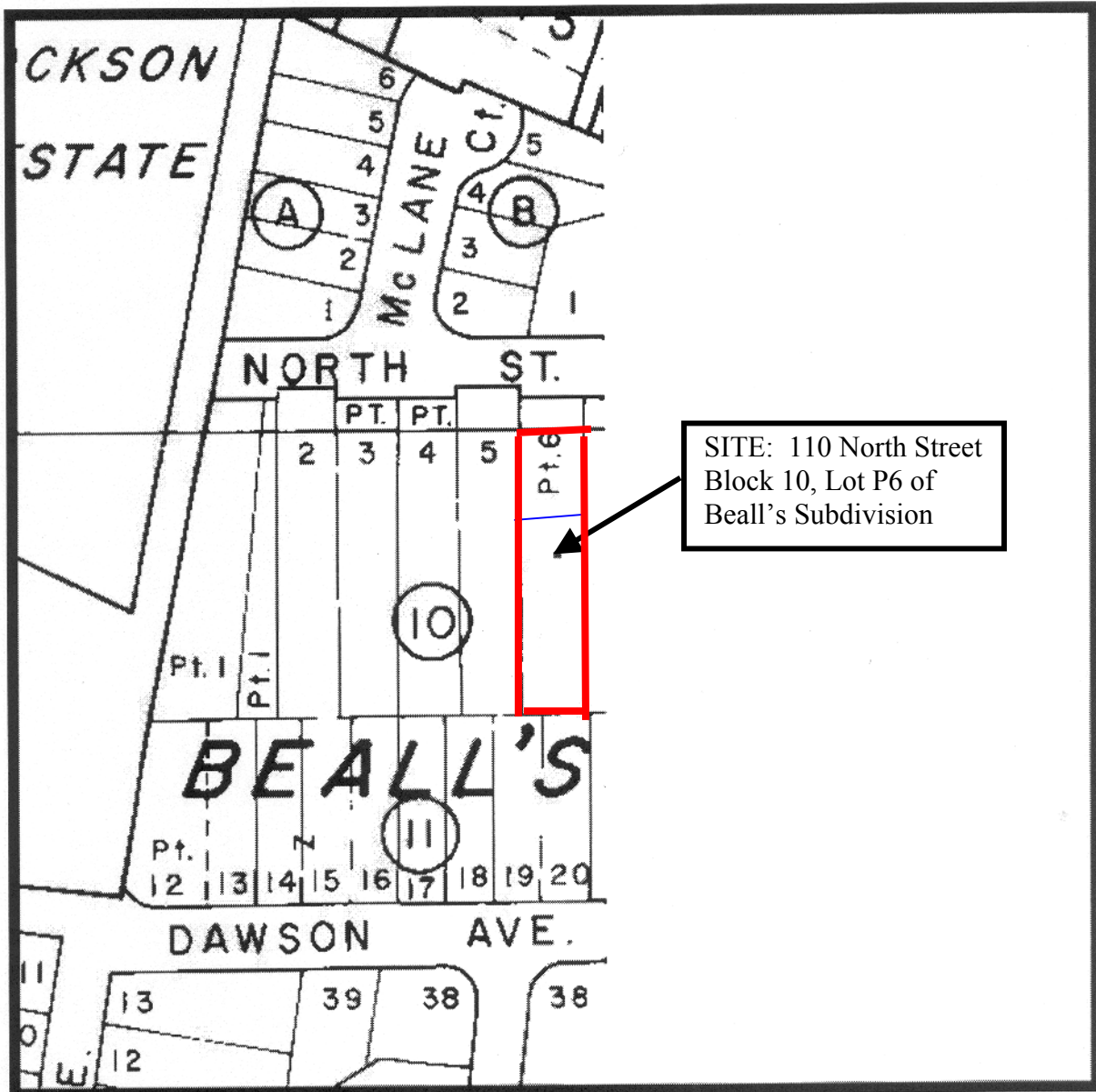
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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>Local History</u>

Specific dates	1925 (lot purchased)	Architect/Builder
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Construction dates	1931
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Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Significance

The Doy/Crockett house is typical of the vernacular dwellings constructed by middle-class African-Americans in the community of Haiti in the 2nd quarter of the 20th century. It was built on land that was originally used by the Beall and Dawson families as dwelling sites for slaves and then servants, who were allowed to purchase Dawson and Beall property for their personal use. After a small African-American community called Haiti was established, the property was resubdivided for sale to African-American families and investors.

History and Support

This house was constructed on the northernmost block of "Beall's Subdivision", originally platted in 1893. This section of the subdivision was abandoned in 1910 because sales were not as swift as anticipated because of economic downturns and lack of interest. The area was resubdivided in 1926.¹ In the mid-1920s, the three Dawson sisters who had inherited this portion of Margaret J. Beall's subdivision sold off a number of building lots with 50 foot frontages on North Street. Among the purchasers were Elijah and Emma Duffin, who in May 1925 bought lot 6, which contained 13,500 square feet.² The Duffins owned the property for three years, and then sold to James and Estelle Doy.³ In 1931, the Doy's took out a mortgage for \$900, presumably to construct the house. They lost it at foreclosure in 1935. The property was advertised in the Montgomery County Sentinel, and then sold at public auction to the highest bidder at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 1935, in front of the new Court House door. The property was described as "located

¹ Montgomery County Plats 1/10 (1893), and 4/346 (1926); Judgment Records, PBR30/255, Equity 2617 (1910).

² Montgomery County Land Records PBR378/57. The deed language is worded to include all improvements, however, tax records show \$200 value, comparable to an unimproved lot in the subdivision.

³ Land Records, PBR502/301 (1930).

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in the colored settlement adjacent to Rockville known as Haiti, this property formerly owned by James Doy and wife and now occupied by Nellie Offutt, also called Nellie Gitting and Walter Gitting and family. It is improved by a six-room frame bungalow, composition roof, recently built, basement and attic, and the lot contains 13,500 square feet of land, more or less and has a frontage on the street of about 50 feet by a depth of 270 feet." The property was sold to Annie I. Ray, holder of the \$900 mortgage that was foreclosed, for \$1,100.⁴

Executors of Annie Ray's estate, Blanche and Anola Ray, sold the house to Bernard J. and Catherine Poss. Edward Johnson purchased the house from the Posses in 1940 then sold it to James E. and Marie V. Crockett in 1945. The Crocketts lived at 110 North Street for almost two decades.⁵ During this time Haiti was annexed into the City (1949) but remained semi-rural until the roads were paved in 1950 and the City provided water and sewer in 1951. Under the Crockett ownership, the property also went to foreclosure.⁶

Subsequent owners were Robert L. and A.P. Snowden, Manuel O. and G.B. Thompson, Charles H. Adams and Floyd C. and F.L. Eaton. The Snowden family operated the Snowden Funeral Home on North Washington Street for more than seven decades and was the first black-owned funeral home in Rockville. Pompeyo F. and Estela E. Ordaya purchased the house from Jamil Azat and Samir Salameh in 1984.⁷ The Ordayas sold the house to the current owners in 1988.⁸

The present property is assessed at 13,000 square feet. A ten-foot street dedication to the City of Rockville along North Street is responsible for the 500 square foot reduction in lot area.

⁴ Ibid., 523/391 (1931); Judgment Record CKW74/215; #7680 Equity.)

⁵ Land Records, op.cit., 795/227; 962/126 (1945).

⁶ Ibid., 2664/24 (1959-62)

⁷ Land Record 312/401

⁸ Land Record L/f 6411/789 (1984)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land, Judgment and Tax Records; Interview with Rosalie M. Campbell by Eileen McGuckian of Peerless Rockville, 1988.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 13,000 square feet
Acreage of historical setting same
Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

Part of Lot #6, Block 10, Section 2, Resubdivision of Part of Beall's Subdivision of Part of Rockville.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Eileen McGuckian, Historian, Judy Christensen, Architectural Description. Update by Cindy Kebba 2002		
organization	Peerless Rockville	date	May 1988, Updated 2002
street & number	P.O. Box 4262	telephone	301-762-0096
city or town	Rockville	state	MD 20849-4262

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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